

Application Information

Locations

- You may apply
  - At any authorized license dealer
  - At DNR Operations Service Centers
  - Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Requirements

- Only eligible Michigan residents may apply for an elk hunting license. This includes qualified military personnel and full-time students attending a Michigan college or university who reside in the state during the school year (per MCL 324.43506).
- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers or DNR Web site)
- It is critical that you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 14 years old prior to August 26 to apply.

Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
  - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once or falsify information will be ineligible for the drawing.
  - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
  - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. The DNR receipt clearly states your customer ID. **(Do Not Accept a DNR Receipt That Is Not Legible.)**
  - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

Successful Applicants

- If you are selected in the drawing, you will receive a notification announcement by August 8, if there is a valid mailing address. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.
- If successful, visit a license dealer to purchase your elk hunting authorization. This authorization (License No. 171) will cost \$100, and it must be purchased prior to the mandatory elk hunt orientation class.
- Successful applicants will be notified of the type of license they will be issued, their assigned hunt period, and elk management unit before they must purchase a license.
- Successful applicants may not exchange the hunt period or elk management unit assignment.
- All licenses must be signed to be valid.
- Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the State's natural resources for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission is the governing body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In providing a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's resources, the NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituencies to establish and continuously improve natural resources management policy.

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Violations (RAP): 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga  
427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651  
Bay City  
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141  
Cadillac  
8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727  
Gaylord  
1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

Livonia\*  
38980 Seven Mile Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48152  
734-953-0241  
\*New location may occur in 2006  
Marquette  
1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561  
Newberry  
5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

Plainwell  
621 N. 10th St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851  
Roscommon  
1-75 & M-18 South  
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151  
Rose Lake\*  
8562 E. Stoll Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-641-4903  
\*This is a field office

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

Elk Hunting License Types

The DNR issues two types of elk hunting licenses:

- Any Elk.** All applicants who select the bull only or the bull or antlerless purchase options will be included in the drawing for this license.
- Antlerless-only Elk.** This license entitles the hunter to take an antlerless elk only. All applicants who select the bull or antlerless purchase option will be included in the drawing for this license.

**Note:** Applicants have the option to purchase a “chance only” instead of applying for a license.

Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients

Persons who are issued an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future elk drawings.

- A person issued an Antlerless-only Elk license is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years. For example, those issued an Antlerless-only license in 2005 are ineligible from 2006 through 2015.
- A person issued an Any Elk license, which allows the taking of a bull elk, is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of his or her life.
- Ineligibility rules were changed in 2004. A person issued an Any Elk license prior to 2004 is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years.

A Note to Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be notified of the type of license they will be issued, their assigned hunt period, and elk management unit before they must purchase a license. The hunt period or elk management unit assignment cannot be changed. Hunters who participate in the early season may have lower hunting success than hunters who participate in the December season. Successful applicants who elect not to purchase their elk hunting authorization for any reason will have their eligibility preserved for future drawings. However, their number of “chances” for future drawing will be reset to zero.

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Your birth date?    | ___ / ___ / ___   |
| 2. Customer ID number? | Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card or DNR Sportcard |
| 3. Michigan resident?  | If no, you are not eligible to apply                                |
| 4. Item type?          | 170, Elk Resident Application                                       |
| 5. Purchase options    | Select only one option  |
| ___ Bull only          | Note: You may not apply for an elk                                  |
| ___ Bull or antlerless | license and purchase a “chance only”                                |
| ___ Chance only        | in the same year.   |

**Important:** An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons. You cannot select the season you may wish to apply for.

2006 MICHIGAN ELK HUNTING GUIDE

Application Period June 15–July 15, 2006

Apply online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



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Important Reminders

- The drawing is a random weighted lottery.
- An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons.
- Some hunt unit boundaries have changed.
- You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

Weighted Lottery for Elk Hunting Licenses

Hunters are selected for a Michigan elk hunting license using a random weighted lottery system. In this system, hunters receive one additional “chance” in future drawings each year they apply for an elk license and are unsuccessful in the drawing, starting with 2003 applications.

The following chart shows the number of chances a 2006 applicant will have in the drawing, depending on their application history:

2006 Application	Applied in 2005	Applied in 2004	Applied in 2003	Total chances in 2006 drawing
1 chance	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
1 chance	Yes	Yes	No	3
1 chance	Yes	No	Yes	3
1 chance	No	Yes	Yes	3
1 chance	Yes	No	No	2
1 chance	No	Yes	No	2
1 chance	No	No	Yes	2
1 chance	No	No	No	1

Applicants have the option to purchase a “chance only” instead of applying for a license. This allows individuals to maintain their application history and acquire an additional “chance” for future years, without the possibility of being drawn for a license in the current year. You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year. **A person may accumulate only one “chance” per year.**

A weighted lottery provides some advantage to those individuals that are persistent in applying, while still providing an opportunity to all applicants, even those who are applying for the first time. It is possible for first-time applicants to be successful in any drawing. **In addition, there is no guarantee of being drawn in a weighted lottery regardless of the number of “chances” accumulated.**

The “chance” standing of any applicant who is successful in the elk drawing will return to zero “chances” after the drawing.

Persons who fail to apply, or are ineligible to apply, for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated “chances.”

“Chances” are linked to the individual and may not be transferred to or combined with another individual’s “chances.”

**“Chances” are tracked based on customer ID.** If applicants use a different ID to apply than they used in previous years (driver license vs. DNR Sportcard) or use an incorrect ID, their previous chances will not be considered in the drawing. If there is a change in ID, applicants must call (517) 373-3904 by July 18, to ensure their chances are combined under their current ID. Applicants may check their “chance” status at [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com).

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2006 Hunter Quotas

Final quotas were established after this guide was printed. The number of licenses issued in 2006 will be slightly higher than the number issued in 2005, with the harvest quota established to take approximately 70 percent antlerless elk and 30 percent bulls.

Open Seasons

Hunt Period 1: August 26-30 AND September 15-18 on both public and private lands in elk management unit “L.”

Hunt Period 2: December 5-12 on both public and private lands in Montmorency, Otsego, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Emmet, Alpena, Antrim, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties. See the map below right for specific management units.

Hunt Period 3: A special agricultural control hunt within the elk management units may be held January 16-20, 2007, depending on the number and location of elk observed during the December hunt period.

Elk License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Applicants who are successful in the license lottery may transfer their drawing success to any qualified youth, ages 14–16, or to any qualified person of legal hunting age with an advanced illness.\* Advanced illness is a specific medical condition, and eligibility under this provision requires a written statement of advanced illness authorized by a physician.

- Successful applicants who wish to transfer (donate) their drawing success should call (517) 373-3904. Those who know the name of their qualified recipient will receive instructions on how to complete the transfer.
- Youth and persons with an advanced illness must have applied during the current application period to receive someone’s drawing success.
- Those who are successful in the drawing are not eligible to receive a transfer.
- Those who receive a transfer of another person’s drawing success will be subject to the ineligibility period.
- Chances will return to zero for persons who transfer their drawing success and for the person who receives the transfer.
- It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer their drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.
- Eligible applicants who wish to receive another’s drawing success must register online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) by July 15.

\* *Advanced illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).*

Bovine Tuberculosis and Michigan’s Elk

Like white-tailed deer, elk are susceptible to bovine tuberculosis (TB). Because the elk range lies within an area shared by TB-infected deer, the risk of transmission to elk is very real. Research and experience with elk and red deer in other countries suggests that should TB become established in Michigan’s elk herd, it could spread more rapidly than it has in deer. Since May 1996, 1,390 elk have been tested for TB; in both 2000 and 2001, one elk tested positive for TB. Two tested positive in 2003. Three of the four positive elk were from Montmorency County and one from Presque Isle County. Because elk and deer normally avoid each other in the wild, available evidence suggests these elk probably were infected from feeding at man-made feed sites or bait piles intended for, and contaminated by, free-ranging deer. Testing of elk for TB is mandatory, and all successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for testing. For more information about TB in elk and for checking the bovine TB and CWD laboratory results of your harvested elk go to [www.michigan.gov/bovinetb](http://www.michigan.gov/bovinetb)

Mandatory Elk Hunt Orientation

Successful applicants must attend a half-day training session near the elk hunt area on the day before their scheduled hunt. The location of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants.

The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations. Following the session, hunters will be issued their licenses, along with materials and information to help their efforts afield. Expect elk hunting to be challenging. Preseason scouting is important.

Drawing results will be posted July 27 at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

2006 Elk Management Units Aug/Sep Hunt

